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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS:

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
1)	5,535,382	07/09/1996	Ricoh Company, Ltd.
2)	5,097,418	03/17/1992	Commsoft, Inc.

OTHER DOCUMENTS:

1)	"Method to Use Bibliographic References in Bookmaster", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, vol. 33, no. 10A, March 1991, pages 108-109, XP000109980.
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A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

Each of the above references was cited in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Office Application upon which the above U.S. application claims priority. A copy of the European Search Report (3 pages) is enclosed.


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